Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Advancements in surgical techniques and practices have saved countless lives and vastly improved the quality of many more in our country; and,

WHEREAS, The carefully trained surgeons who daily carry the responsibility of another person's future in their hands, require the professional support of highly skilled assistants in the operating room; and,

WHEREAS, These surgical assistants are the hard-working people who are respectfully known as surgical technologists; and,

WHEREAS, Surgical technologists are part of an invaluable surgical team; they take care of everything from preparing supplies for surgery to assisting the operating surgeon; and,

WHEREAS, Surgical technologists are vital to sophisticated operating rooms, their role in the operating room requires they combine extensive knowledge of surgical procedures and pathological processes with an empathy for the needs and wants of patients and fellow surgical team members; and,

WHEREAS, As members of the Association of Surgical Technologists, all surgical technologists strive to live up to the association motto: "The Patient First" and always endeavor to accomplish its aim: "To improve the quality of operating-room care":

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 16-20, 1988, as

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS WEEK

in South Dakota, and encourage all citizens to remember the important contributions surgical technicians make to the health and well-being of their patients.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE